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## HANNAM SURVEYS CANADA'S FEED CROP SITUATION

### I.F.A.P. Faces Problem of Hunger and Plenty

#### EASTERN ACREAGE DOWN WHILE HOG PRODUCTION IS UP

Federation Urges Feed Grains Price Structure Be Continued to July 1st, 1948

#### SUPPLIES FROM WEST

Recommend Building of Feed Grain Bank in East Before Freeze-up

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery (Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, June 18th.—The two outstanding features of the agricultural situation in this country as seen from the capital are the deterioration in crop prospects in Eastern Canada, which has reached the point where full recovery is out of the question, and the improvement in hog production. Unfortunately each of these features has a direct bearing on the other. With lower yields of feed grains it will be harder to keep up livestock production.

H. H. Hannam, head of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, put the crop situation very clearly in his report to the feed conference last week. He pointed out that in Eastern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, seeding has been much reduced in "one of latest, coldest, rainiest spring seasons on record". Even in Central and Western Ontario only about half the intended coarse grain acreage had been sown. Bad weather in Quebec had kept the acreage down to 5 per cent of intended acreage, while in Eastern Ontario the percentage ran from 5 to 20, and in New Brunswick 40 per cent. The general outlook for the three Provinces is at the best about 45 per cent of last year's coarse grain harvest. In view of the situation the federation recommended

#### Federation's Recommendations

(1) "That the present price structure on feed grains—floors and ceilings and drawbacks—be continued until at least July 1, 1948.

(2) "That plans be made as early as possible for the movement of the normal supply of feed grains into Eastern Canada and British Columbia, and that in view of the emergency in Eastern Canada, special measures be instituted to move the additional supplies of feed grains from Western Canada to Eastern Canada before freeze-up, in order to build the largest possible grain bank in both elevators and farmers' bins to meet the emergency, and

(3) "Unless extraordinary measures such as these are taken it is our firm conviction that, firstly, Canadian consumers will suffer shortages of some farm products and face the danger of high prices

#### Surveys Pool Record



J. A. WOOD, President Central Alberta Dairy Pool, who was Master of ceremonies at the Pool banquet in Red Deer on Tuesday. His report to the annual meeting appears on Page 6.

in some instances, and secondly Canada may fall down badly in her export commitments."

Mr. Hannam stated at the same time that certain factors must be taken into account, such as to what extent the West will be required to support an expanded livestock production, and

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#### Co-ops Supply CARE

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Two million pounds of Co-op flour, milled by co-operatives in the U.S., had been supplied to CARE up to the middle of May.

The FAO has called a special meeting in Paris, in July, to devise ways and means of meeting the grain shortage forecast for the next crop year.

An intensive study of Indian life in Canada will be made during the next year; the plan is endorsed by the joint Senate and House of Commons committee on the Indian Act.

#### World's Best Chance

"Senator Vandenberg seems willing to join Mr. Hoover's talk for making separate peace with Germany and Austria. Let us hope that it may occur to the Senator before it is too late that the world's best chance lies with our ability first to work out a separate peace with Russia,"—Jennings Perry in *PM Daily*, New York.

#### Farm Income in 1946

Saskatchewan farmers received more income in 1946 from farm operations than those of any other Province; the average, according to Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures, was \$2,323. Manitoba came second with \$2,302 and Alberta third, with \$2,215. Ontario and B.C. were in fourth and fifth places, then came Quebec with \$1,509, while the Maritimes ranged from \$1,067 down to \$947.

#### MERCER OUTLINES IMPORTANT ROLE WORLD FARM BODY

Will Assist Governments and FAO in Dealing With Problem of Agricultural Markets

#### SPEAKS AT RED DEER

Delegate Back From Holland Conference Addresses Annual Banquet of CADP

RED DEER, June 17th.—How does it come about in a world where 70 per cent of the population is never properly fed, that primary producers of food are burdened from time to time with unmarketable surpluses?

That is a question, according to Alex Mercer, General Manager of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, to which world governments and the Food and Agriculture Organization now seek the answer.

It indicates the nature of the problem which they seek to solve; and it is a function of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, which met a few weeks ago at The Hague, Holland, to advise government and the FAO as to the means by which a solution may be approached. The IFAP, in an advisory capacity, hopes to assist in "finding markets for products which today cannot find them."

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#### Historic Meeting of Indian Leaders Studies Partition Plan



The plan for the partition of India into Pakistan and Hindustan, each with Dominion status, has now been accepted both by the Moslem League and by the All-India Congress. Above, the Viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten, discusses the plan for partition with Indian leaders; at his right are seen Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, head of the Congress, and at his

left Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem League, whose drive for an independent Moslem state has now succeeded. The rulers of several princely states have announced that they will make a stand for separation. This will be strongly opposed by the Congress party, states Pandit Nehru, who has consistently resisted the policy of fragmentation.

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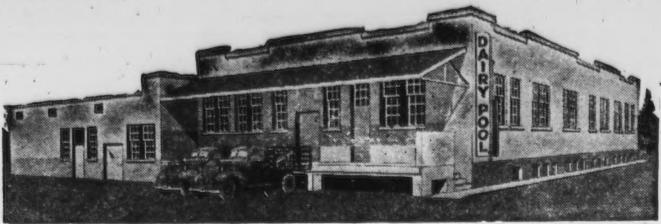
## On the Road to Economic Democracy

The farm people of Alberta have made gratifying progress on the road leading eventually to full economic democracy. They have built up a large number of efficient farm co-operative organizations. In so doing they have offset any possibility of monopoly control by giant private corporations.

In the marketing of grain, dairy products, livestock and poultry products, seed, wool and other farm products, Alberta farm co-operatives have made real accomplishments. Farm people should understand and appreciate what their own organizations have done and are doing for them. They should give them every possible support and encouragement.

## Alberta Wheat Pool

## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



## Pool Establishes New Sales Records

President Burns and Manager Toppenberg Review Pool Year

New sales records were established by the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool in the financial period under review in reports presented to the Annual Meeting of delegates held in the Alberta Wheat Pool Board Room in Calgary on Thursday of this week.

Owing to a change in the financial year the period covered was only eleven months; during which sales totalled \$885,000—surpassing by a substantial margin, even in this shortened period, the total of \$748,000 realized from sales during the previous full financial year of twelve months. If the comparison had been made between equal periods, the increase would have been seen to be even more striking.

## Volume of Production Down

This gratifying advance in sales totals, however, was not due to increased butter production. On the contrary, in line with the general trend towards lower dairy farm production in Canada as a whole, the actual volume of butter produced by the Pool showed a decline. The sales increase was due to the extension of the number of lines of commodities handled by the Pool, and specifically to the development of cheese production. The financial report showed a surplus on the Pool's operations.

These and other important facts concerning the business of the Pool during the period which closed on December 31st, 1946, were presented in their annual reports by President William Burns in behalf of the Board of Directors and by Manager Chris Toppenberg. Mr. Toppenberg pointed out that very substantial increases had taken place in manufacturing costs, both for supplies and services; and these increases in overhead had accounted for a reduction in the margin of profit.

## Year of Growth and Change

"The history of the Pool," stated President Burns, "has been one of growth and change. In no year has your Board of Directors been called upon to make so many important decisions and changes as in the year we have under review. First, we completed the change-over from using jointly with the Co-operative Milk Company certain facilities which we have so used jointly since our companies were formed. Today the plant of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool in Calgary is one of which every member of our organization has just cause to be proud."

Reviewing Pool developments, Mr. Burns stated that arrangements made early in the year to start a milk plant in connection with the creamery at Brooks had been carried out and pasteurized milk was now being supplied to the town. "The information we have received on our Brooks plant," he added, "has been very gratifying, and there is every indication that the Brooks Creamery will always be a very valuable asset to the Pool."

Patrons generally had shown themselves to be well satisfied with the results at the Rosemary Cheese plant. It was hoped that the recent increase in the prices of cheese milk would have a beneficial effect on this year's operation. Adequate volume of milk would ensure satisfactory returns to the producer.

Dealing with the operations of the honey department, the President said that the set-up under which the Pool had handled production for the Alberta Beekeepers' Association had

come up for discussion recently, and that certain new plans proposed had been left in abeyance for the time being owing to the uncertainties in the general honey situation.

## Egg and Poultry Service Appreciated

Satisfactory arrangements had been worked out between the Alberta Poultry Producers and the S.A.D.P., Mr. Burns showed, with the result that the Pool was now buying eggs and poultry at full market prices at all Pool plants. "Judging by the volume of eggs we are receiving," he said, "we are apparently giving a service which is greatly appreciated by the cream producers."

The President also dealt with changes in the Articles of Association of the Pool, etc., made necessary by the new income tax laws of Canada. He expressed his thanks to individual members of the Board, to the Manager, branch managers and every member

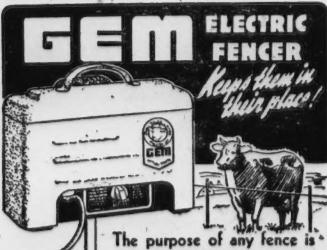
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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## Only Increased Butterfat Production Can Avert Menace of Margarine . . .

## President Gives Warning in Address to Convention

*Clear warning that the Government of Canada will be unable in the long run to resist a demand from the growing industrial sections of Canada for the legalizing of the manufacture of margarine, unless the producers of butterfat themselves undertake greatly to increase their production, was given by President William Burns in his address to the Annual Meeting of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool.*

## Shortage Is Serious

"There is one very important matter," said Mr. Burns, "which I think should be taken notice of by this Annual Convention, that is the shortage of butter production throughout Canada. Ladies and gentlemen, the shortage is much more serious than just a temporary shortage of a commodity. Canada is gradually becoming an industrialized country, and in a short period of time the industrial vote will demand and get more consideration than it is getting at the moment. When that time comes, if the farmers do not supply sufficient quantities of butter to meet the requirements of the industrial population, the Government of the day will be forced to make a decision on the manufacturing of margarine in Canada that will not be favorable to the farmers."

*"I do not think the Government of today would be prepared to take the step just yet, but the step is unavoidable if the farmers do not waken up in the very near future*

*and produce much more butterfat than is being produced today.*

## Have Facilities For Doubled Production

"I have brought this matter to your attention mainly because you have within your own organization the facilities to make twice the amount of butter that you are making. My advice to you would be make full use of your assets if you don't want your butter to be in competition with margarine in your home market. You, the Producers, must take steps to remove the menace which is daily becoming more threatening due to the increased demand by the greatly increased purchasing power in the hands of the people."

*"The problem is the producers'. If butter ever has to compete with margarine in this country the producers will have no one to blame but themselves.*

## Give Canadian Consumer Practical Demonstration

"To the younger generation of farmers I would say, produce more butterfat and start a campaign to induce your fellow farmers to do likewise. I know of no group of producers who should give this matter more serious consideration than yourselves. We have preached co-operation. Can we give the consumer a practical demonstration that we are prepared to meet his requirements if we get a fair return for the labour and capital involved in producing all the butter required by the people of Canada?"

*"If the farmers of Canada meet this challenge, we will hear no more about the sale of margarine in this country. If the shortage is not changed soon the day is not far distant when margarine will be in strong competition with the butter produced in Canada.*

## NEW SALES RECORD

*(Continued from page 2)* of the staff, "for loyalty and support during a year when the outlook was not always bright."

Manager Toppenberg in his report laid before the meeting various interesting figures pertaining to the capital structure of the Pool, indicating that the members' equity in fixed assets presents a most gratifying picture; as does also the capital debt position in its relation to capital investment. Mr. Toppenberg expressed the confident opinion that the facilities in which the members' money is invested constitute an excellent investment in view of the future prospects of the dairy industry.

Mr. Toppenberg stated that the response of the producers at Brooks, to the facilities for marketing now at their disposal, had been most enthusiastic. He expressed his firm confidence in the future of the S.A.D.P. as a whole.

## Barley Contest Closing Date Is Postponed

Due to the late seeding season, an extension of the final entry date for the \$25,000 National Barley Contest has been announced. The closing date will be July 15th. Entry forms in Alberta should be mailed to A. M. Wilson, Alberta Field Crops Commissioner, Edmonton. The contest is sponsored by the brewing and malting industries.



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#### "CRISIS COMPLEX"

Available evidence suggests that some susceptible North Americans have been made panicky by the war talk of the past few weeks and months. Numbers of Canadians who have returned from south of the line have reported that the tendency to think in terms of imminent war is much stronger in the United States than in Canada; no doubt the nature of the impressions they have formed has been determined by the atmosphere prevailing in the particular urban and rural localities they have visited, and their reports are in many cases no doubt greatly exaggerated. It seems to be agreed that in Great Britain war talk is much less prevalent than it is in Canada or the United States.

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Two of the world's leading statesmen, the extent of whose knowledge will not be questioned, have recently deprecated the war talk, and directly or indirectly rebuked the publicity agencies (these are to be found in the press and in the field of radio broadcasting) whose manner of treating the news has been unduly alarming. There is no suggestion that this sort of thing is universal. Certainly the handling of the news in the best of our newspapers reveals a sense of responsibility and the newscasts of the C.B.C. are pronouncedly objective and well-balanced. The same may perhaps be said of most other Canadian news broadcasts.

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It is from Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, that the sharpest criticism of certain news handling organizations has come. Observations on this subject by Mr. Bevin are of especial interest, because he has been the target of a good deal of criticism by members of the party to which he belongs, who have thought that his own position has approached too closely to that of the exponents of the "Truman doctrine." With that issue we are not here concerned. It is clear, however, that Mr. Bevin should be in a position to know what the realities of the world situation are.

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The British Foreign Secretary took the most unusual step—justifiable only by the gravity of the issues—of complaining that many press correspondents at the last Moscow conference had handled the news in such a manner as to jeopardise its success. He preferred this charge in particular against some United States correspondents. "Actual

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And light new lamps of faith throughout the earth.

"This is the news." The voice goes on and on

But first high hopes of lasting peace are gone.

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facts," said the British Foreign Secretary, "are far better than the imagination of the press man."

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Mr. Bevin then went on to say: "I sometimes think that if we could get rid of the crisis complex, we might settle peace."

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The other rebuke to those who are contributing, intentionally or otherwise, to the creation of a "crisis complex" was implied in the words used by Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, in the address which he delivered in Winnipeg last week after he had received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Manitoba. For the verbatim report of his address we are indebted to the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

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#### "REALISTIC BUT NOT PESSIMISTIC"

Insisting that "we must be realistic but not pessimistic," Mr. Lie gave a number of reasons why, in his judgment, "we can look forward to a period during which war, in the classical sense, is so improbable that it is practically unthinkable," and declared:

"... no responsible Government in this world seriously believes that anything can be gained by a new war... it would be nonsensical for us to waste our time and our energy thinking and talking about another war in the period immediately ahead of us."

Mr. Lie then quoted, in reinforcement of his own position, (and, incidentally, therefore, in effective answer to the vendors of panic, on the air and in the press) the judgment of James F. Byrnes, former United States Secretary of State. Mr. Byrnes said in a quite recent speech that the people of the world "are disturbed because both in the Soviet Union and in the United States there is too much talk about war and too little talk about peace. The people of the Soviet Union do not want war. The people of the United States do not want war."

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It would be a mistake to imagine that a man occupying so responsible a position as Mr. Lie's, a statesman, possessed at once of wide experience and great authority, who is completely familiar with the background of the grave and acrimonious disputes between nations which continue to bar the way to the post-war settlement, would paint so encouraging a picture of immediate future prospects if he were not persuaded of its truth.

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## Recovery Problems of French Dairy Industry

By HENRI JEANMAIRE  
Service D'Information Français

Following their participation in the formation of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, Canadians are inclined to lift their sights, and to take increasing interest in the problems of farmers not only in Canada but in other lands. The following article on the position of the dairying industry in France will be found of unusual interest.

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

PARIS, France.—Before the war, France ranked among the world's largest dairy-producing countries. She was the third largest in Europe, after Germany and Russia.

In 1937, France had nine million cows (56 per cent of her total cattle stock). Eight million of these could be considered as milkers, half of that figure being kept only for milk, that is to

say, doing no work. Milk production was in the neighborhood of 140 million hectolitres (3,111,150,000 gallons), more than the combined production of Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark. Deducting the quantities used by the producers for their own consumption and for their stock, two-thirds of the milk produced was marketed either as such or in the form of cheese or butter. Butter production absorbed about half of the total, cheese about 20 per cent.

The type of dairy-produce varied considerably from region to region. By far the greater proportion of milk was produced in the departments bordering on the Channel, each of which produced over 66.6 million gallons a year. In this area, the number of milk cows was well above the average for the whole of France (17 animals per square kilometre) and exceeded 30 and even 40 per square kilometre. Butter production in all this region was also very high, as was that of cheese, the latter being concentrated chiefly in the lower Seine area.

In the west there is another butter-producing region extending from the Sarthe to Lower Charente. In the last-named department where butter-making was introduced around sixty years ago, and which led in the use of mechanical processes in the making of dairy products, dairying took the place of the old wine industries which had died out. The dairy industry is also important in the mountainous Jura areas, in Savoy and in the high parts of the Massif Central (Puy de Dome); but here the making of cheeses, such as the famous Gruyere and Cantal, takes precedence over that of butter.

**Low in Mediterranean Department.** In contrast, the eight departments on the Mediterranean stand out as a region where the production of cow's milk is very low, less than 4.5 million gallons a year per department.

Between 1936 and the beginning of the war there was already a tendency to a decrease in milk production, partly due to a reduction in exports. The war very quickly generalized the crisis in milk production, the industry suffering a loss of nearly two million milk cows through German requisitions and reduction of herds due to fodder shortage, and which was much harder to remedy, a deterioration in quality and quantity due to poor nourishment of the animals.

### Quart a Day for Infants

The extent of the drop in production is difficult to appreciate. Price control and the requisition of dairy produce caused a growth of black market dealings in proportion to the shortages. The situation improved a little in 1945 and '46, but the fact remains that, with a milk output for 1947 estimated at about three-quarters that of pre-war days, the food authorities will only just manage the 410 million gals. of milk needed for children's and old people's rations. One litre (slightly over one quart) a day is allowed for infants and half a pint, generally speaking, for other categories permitted to have milk. Cheese production has dropped considerably, probably to the advantage of butter production. Butter is very scarce too, and a great part of it escapes control.

The recovery of the dairying industries and their expansion, necessary for so many reasons, do not seem to depend entirely on raising the country's stock, which is now well under way. Dairy production seems to be one of the branches of agriculture most seriously affected by the difficulty of recruiting labor, and particularly female labor in the country.

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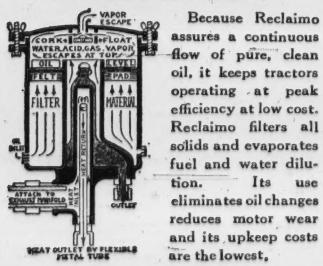
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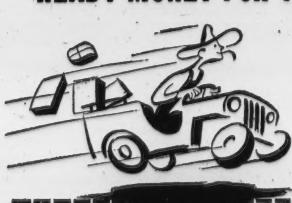
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Continuance of the Meat Board, Dairy Products Board and the Special was threshed out at a conference of producers, technicians and officials in Paris not long ago, where it was realized that the situation warrants the institution of a vigorous dairy policy.

Products Board was announced recently by Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner. The Meat Board is headed by L. W. Pearsall, replacing J. G. Taggart who resigned to give his full time to the chairmanship of the Agricultural Prices Support Board. J. F. Singleton heads the Dairy Products Board, and A. M. Shaw the Special Products Board.

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# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



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## President Surveys Proud Record of Central Pool

RED DEER, June 17th.—Addressing the Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool in the Crescent Theatre here today, James A. Wood of Elnora, President of the Pool, presented figures showing that during the 22 years which have passed since the organization was formed, a total of \$391,561 has been distributed to members in cash final payments, while participation certificates have totalled \$480,530, of which \$170,927 has been redeemed in cash, making the total cash received by members in final payments and redeemed certificates no less than \$562,488.

### Welcomes Delegates and Members

In opening his address to the delegates and other members present, President Wood stated:

We are glad to welcome you to our 22nd Annual Meeting when we meet to review the operations of the Pool of the past year. It would be well to consider what our Pool has accomplished in its 22 years of operation.

Our production in 1946 fell from 4,378,275 pounds of butterfat to 3,901,461 pounds of butterfat, or 476,814 pounds below 1945; in comparison the Provincial production fell from 29,286,577 pounds to 25,934,675 pounds, a reduction of 3,351,902 pounds of butterfat.

This drop in production has resulted in decreased final payments for the past year to \$37,474. The payment in 1945 was \$77,474. This shows a drop of \$40,000 and our operation was normal, up to September of that year.

### In 1925 Assets Were Nil

Our 22 years comparison shows that in 1925 we had one creamery and assets were nil. In 1947 we have 12 creameries and one condensery. Members' equity at December 31st, 1946 was \$358,527. We have also paid out in cash final payments \$391,561 and issued \$480,530 in participation certificates. \$170,927 of these had been redeemed in cash. This is a record in which we are proud to have shared a part. And all this has been accomplished in a steadily decreasing margin between cream and butter prices.

### Amendments to Articles of Association

You are being asked to consider some brief amendments and additions to our Articles of Association. Your Board deem it necessary to have uniform articles for our three Dairy Pools, also to have them conform with recent amendments to our Income Tax Act.

Your Board was very shocked at the sudden death of Wm. Surratt last July. A director of only one year he was highly respected on our Board, and the regret of this organization was extended at the time of the bereavement.

During the recent trip to the coast to attend the Annual Meeting of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers for whom we

canned over 70 thousand cases of milk during 1946, it was my privilege to meet Mr. and Mrs. Larsen and Mr. and Mrs. Scott. A first signer of our first Articles of Association, Mr. Larsen asked me to convey to our members his sincere thanks for the great pleasure he enjoyed as our guest at the last Annual Meeting.

### Quality of Patrons' Butterfat

52.9 percent of all butterfat produced in Alberta in 1946 graded special and 54.9 percent of all butter fat purchased by our 12 creameries graded special. This shows a drop in special grade cream on the 1945 percentage of 55 percent for the Province and from 59.2 percent from our own plants. To make first quality butter we must have good produce from our members. Let each member of our organization resolve to give that little extra care that will produce top quality products.

### Removal of Ration and Price Controls

With the removal of ration and price controls the dairy farmers' outlook seems more secure. With a floor price of at least .48 $\frac{1}{2}$  c per pound butterfat offered by the Federal Government and the very active demand for our produce, we should have a few years of profitable production for our dairy farmers.

During 1946, 317 new members joined our organization.

### Oppose Freight Rates Increase

Your Board has joined with all the dairy interests in Alberta in preparation of a brief for the submission to the Board of Transport Commissioners. This brief will be presented on behalf of the Alberta Dairy Industry by our General Manager, Mr. E. A. Johnstone.

### Dairy Convention Awards

Fourteen awards with a cash prize value of \$142 were won by our Stettler, Red Deer, Coronation, Elnora, Bentley, Alix, and Rimbev plants. We congratulate the boys of these places.

### Oleomargarine

A bill was introduced for the second year in Ottawa this season to have oleomargarine legalized for sale in Canada. Your Board again protested this measure. If it was passed it would have a very harmful effect upon the butterfat producers.

### Labor Relations With Our Employees

A report has been circulated in this area that our management is opposed to organized labor. I wish to say for the information of the organization making this statement that if they would investigate the working conditions in our plants and the wages paid our employees they would find them equal to or better than those in any plant doing similar work in Alberta.

So in closing I would like to suggest to our members, be loyal to your co-operative organizations, be they Dairy Pool, Wheat Pool, Co-operative Store or Credit Union.

If you are satisfied, tell your friends, if you have just cause for complaint, tell your local officials. The aim of our organization is service and not profit. I also wish to thank my fellow directors for their co-operation, our general manager, our plant manager and our entire staff for the efficient way our business was carried out this past year.

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## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL Secretary

**Special Feed Grain Conference.**—George E. Church, President of the U.F.A., and Alberta Director on the C.F.A. Board, represented this Province at the special meeting held in Ottawa, June 11th and 12th, by the directors of the C.F.A. and representatives of Livestock organizations, to consider the feed grain situation. (This conference is reported at some length in the despatch from M. McDougall, Press Gallery, Ottawa, commencing on page 1 of this issue.—Editor).

**Farm Radio Forum Held in Toronto.**—The writer has recently returned from the Annual Meeting of the National Farm Radio Forum held in Toronto.

The main purpose of this meeting is to bring the Provincial Secretaries together to present reports and discuss their past season's activities. In this way the National office and steering committee are in a position to incorporate the ideas from each Province for the betterment of this program. At the same time each Provincial Secretary is able to gather new ideas from other provinces.

The rural listening groups have a decided voice at this gathering through the questionnaire which is answered at the close of each season. These reports are summarized and followed very closely in formulating policy for the coming season.

Joe Galway, recently appointed National Farm Radio Forum Secretary to replace Ralph Staples, will visit the West during July. Joe is an aggressive young man and has a vision of what Farm Forum will mean to farm people and Canada if it can be built up and used as a tool by all farm organizations.

**B.C. To Get Federation Meeting.**—Plans are under way to hold a special Board meeting of the C.F.A. in British Columbia late in September. The general policy of the Federation is to hold the annual meeting at some central point to encourage attendance from all Provinces. Last year a special meeting was held at Charlottetown, P.E.I. This year it is planned to hold the special meeting in British Columbia.

This policy gives representatives from the various Provinces a chance to attend and become better acquainted with the activities of the Federation. It also gives Directors from other Provinces a chance to become acquainted with agricultural problems across the Dominion. The Federation has done a great deal to co-ordinate agricultural policies across Canada and the dispersal of these meetings should assist in accomplishing this objective.

### Farm Products Price Index

The price index for farm products (including subsidies) rose from 91.8 in 1939 to 183.7 in 1946. During the same period farm costs rose by fifty per cent, according to the statistical summary of the Bank of Canada.

### F.A.O. Meets Aug. 25th

The third annual conference of the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) will be held in Switzerland commencing August 25th.

### Deals With Use of "D.D.T."

A "DDT Circular" has been published by Line Elevators Farm Service. Its full title is "DDT—Its Use on the Prairie Farm", and it deals with the use of DDT for the control of household pests, flies and mosquitoes in the barn, and some of the more common insect pests of livestock. The information it contains is authoritative, states Dr. F. J. Greaney, director of the service, having been prepared by at



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Co-operatives "endanger free enterprise," declared C. Morris, president Manitoba Weekly Newspaper Association, in Winnipeg last week.

### Wetaskiwin Convention to be Held June 24th

Wetaskiwin U. F. A. Constituency Convention to be held in Lacombe on Tuesday, June 24th, will hear addresses by U.F.A. President George Church and by James R. McFall, secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

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### POST-WAR CHRONICLE

**June 5th.**—Four members British Government, and others, receive explosive device, in envelopes, through mail. Secret Nazi broadcasting station reported to be spreading rumors of Anglo-Russian war. More than 200 centres engaged in atomic research in U.S. states *United Nations World*. Taking of power by Communists in Hungary is "outrage," says Truman.

**June 6th.**—Third anniversary of D-Day. If immediate food difficulties are overcome, European trade will recover in next two and half years, Bevin predicts. U.S. Senate ratifies treaties of peace with Italy, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary. No U.S. military bases to be set up in Canada, states St. Laurent. Russia urges UN police force be small.

**June 7th.**—Two thousand British women demonstrate against food shortages. Russian journalists charge British authorities tried to block their tour of British zone of Germany.

**June 8th.**—Confession to sending of "letter bombs" to England made by man calling himself member of Stern gang.

**June 9th.**—Moslem league ratifies British plan for partition of India. Five thousand "displaced persons" from Europe to be admitted to Canada, states Howe.

**June 10th.**—British to ask for statement of Russian European policies. Dinnyes, new Hungarian premier, announces large banks to be nationalized, but private enterprise to be encouraged; denies "coup"; says most members former cabinet still in office.

**June 11th.**—U.S. charges Russian interference in Hungary. Outer Mongolians raid Chinese province of Sinkiang, reported in Nanking. Truman, speaking in House of Commons, Ottawa, says Canada-U.S.

joint defence board to continue function; calls for Canadian support of Truman doctrine; Mackenzie King says Canada will continue wartime co-operation with U.S. Russia refuses British request for information on Hungarian developments. U.S. discontinues sugar rationing. No responsible government seriously believes anything can be gained by new war, declares Trygve Lie, in Winnipeg.

**June 12th.**—French rail strike ends. Increased wages agreed upon. U.S. wants peace with every nation, says Truman, on third day of Canadian visit.

**June 13th.**—New Zealander has developed secret weapon almost as effective as atomic bomb, says Auckland report. British scientists are studying radioactive and bacteriological weapons, stated in London. "Crisis complex" stands in way of peace, says Benin.

**June 14th.**—United Nations is "matter of life and death," declares Attlee. Hungarian "coup" was direct result of U.S. intervention in Turkey and Greece, says Nagy, former premier. Yugoslavia charges American member UN investigating committee in Balkans has been biased and unfair. Nazi groups are well organized and active in Argentina, Sweden, South Africa, states international committee of which Vansittart is member; say that "totalitarianism of right and left" is growing.

**June 15th.**—Franco gives lavish welcome to Mrs. Peron, wife of Argentine president. All-India Congress agrees to British plan for partition

### Hear C.B.C. Broadcast on World Co-operative Day

OTTAWA, Ont.—Plans for the celebration of International Co-operative Day on July 5th include a fifteen-minute spot on the CBC Trans-Canada network, a special short-wave program beamed to Holland, France, Belgium, Sweden, Poland, and other countries by the CBC International Service, and a short broadcast to Britain by the BBC service. The Trans-Canadian talk will be given by A. D. Macdonald, Secretary, Co-operative Union of Canada, at 10:15 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time.

of India, will not recognise independence of any of princely states.

**June 16th.**—UN opens inquiry into Palestine question. Truman vetoes tax reduction bill.

**June 17th.**—Bevin consults Ramaider on U.S. offer to aid in restoring production in Europe. Nine millions in world live under some form of slavery, reported in London. British troops in India, numbering 15,000, to leave country by August 15th.

**June 18th.**—U.S. Congress reported likely to vote down Truman's veto of tax reduction bill.

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**EDITORIAL**

(Continued from page 4)

**NOT IN POLLYANNA SPIRIT**

Mr. Lie never speaks in the spirit of Pollyanna. He has warned of the danger to the United Nations which springs from the survival of the tyranny of Franco in Spain. He has from time to time shown his full awareness of other threats to peace. Most significant of all has been his recognition of the underlying causes of war, and his insistence that their removal is part of the essential business of the United Nations and its various branches. He has stressed very heavily the importance of the work which can be done by each of them.

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Members of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture who prepared briefs on the freight rates question for presentation next week include, The United Farmers of Alberta and The Alberta Farmers' Union; The Southern Alberta Vegetable Growers; The Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Association; The Alberta Dairymen's Association; The Western Stock Grower; Alberta Sheep Breeders Ass'n

Nations came into being two years ago, Mr. Lie said in Winnipeg, that we could not "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" simply by dealing with open and outright threats to the peace.

"We know that war does not come itself. We know that the seeds of war can grow and flourish only when they are planted in the soil of human misery. Given a fair chance to live a decent life and to enjoy the advantages of civilization, man does not willingly go out to massacre his fellow-men and to be massacred himself. Desperation leads men and nations to gamble away their own lives and the lives of others."

**THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

To assist in the removal of the seeds of human misery, the Secretary General pointed out, is a function of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council, which has eleven commissions and three sub-commissions, which act as working teams. It works in the second place with a large number of specialized agencies.

"Working agreements," said Mr. Lie, "have already been made with the Food and Agricultural Organization, with the International Labor Organization, the International Civil Aviation and UNESCO, (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). Agreements are now being negotiated with no less than six other specialized agencies, which, as the name indicates, cover special fields."

"One of the difficulties of the United Nations," Mr. Lie pointed out, "has been to impress the importance of this type of work on the minds of the general public."

"There is nothing very glamorous about it; just as there is nothing very glamorous about a loaf of bread."

**Menace To Peace**

"America's political backwardness" is a menace to peace, declares J. A. Russell, in a recent issue of *Scottish Co-operator*. The American people, Mr. Russell believes, would prefer a middle course and "are deeply perplexed by the by-passing of the United Nations and the 'dollar diplomacy' of Republican-backed Truman." Only in the rise of a real American Labor Party does Mr. Russell see possibility of hope, concluding that "the great United States, with 55 per cent of the world's income, will remain a menace to peace until that at last comes to pass."

Business failures in the U.S. have increased each month in 1947, with 277 reported for April. The monthly average in 1938 was 1,070.

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A very interesting address by Mrs. Barker was enjoyed at a recent meeting of Keoma U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. Jean Drake. Arrangements were made for a booth, and for a shower for two local brides.

Mrs. J. M. Pearce was the organizer of a new U.F.W.A. Local named "South Berry Creek", in the Cessford district. Mrs. Jannette Griffith is president and Mrs. E. A. Anderson secretary.

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I am content to come in and chat with you for a time, for I have had a goodly session of dandelion grubbing—a task I think which almost all of you indulge in. And yet it always seems to me that it is very probable that if these self-same dandelions were a little more reluctant about reproducing themselves we should probably be doing our utmost to get these beautiful golden touches in our gardens.

I have been pondering over rather an unpleasant subject as I worked. It is one which has often come to me before. It is this. Which is worse, to be poverty-stricken in the city or the country? Now most of us have considered ourselves poor at times, perhaps uncomfortably so, but very few have experienced real abject poverty. Of course today lent itself to it seeming much worse in the city.

#### "The Tin Flute"

What started me on the subject was the reading of *The Tin Flute* by Gabrielle Roy. Another Canadian painting another picture of Canadian life, and the picture is not a happy one. One feels as though a photograph were taken showing all the wrinkles, all the scars and blemishes and the picture presented with them un-retouched, so vividly does she paint her picture.

It depicts life in a poorer French Canadian district in Montreal early in the war years, when the black cloud of depression was in a sense beginning to be removed by war. Most clearly we see the dreariness, the unsatisfied ambitions, the pinched life with the unhappy consequences for the younger ones and the burden for the older ones in their family life.

The picture, for instance, Florentine, sees of her Mother in the "Five and Ten" picking up the little tin flute for which her sick child at home had begged. She looks at it apparently trying to make the decision "Should I buy the flute, the pretty little toy flute, or should I buy shoes and stockings, underwear, food?" Which is more important? A flute, like a ray of sunshine for a sick child, a happy flute to make sounds of joy or food on the table?"

The book is in a sense a serious study of social conditions, evil conditions so unnecessary in this country of ours with all its wealth; yet a study made most intimate and personal and readable. The writer is indeed to be congratulated, and as she is still a young woman there seems a future full of promise for this fellow countrywoman who takes us with her while we are yet at home.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.  
*The Tin Flute* is published by McClelland and Stewart, Toronto, price \$3.00.—Editor.

At their last meeting Shady Nook U.F.W.A. (Red Deer) had a birthday tea in honor of Mrs. Mary Dawson, whose 92nd birthday occurred that week.

The handsome sum of \$75 was raised by Veteran U.F.W.A. at their apron sale and tea held in May, reports Mrs. G. A. Nelson. Each meeting a raffle is held in aid of the Junior Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital.

### Wages and Profits

During 1946, wages in the U.S.A. rose 13 per cent, cost of living 18 per cent, corporation profits, after paying higher wages, 24 per cent.

U.S. action in going off sugar ration will reduce supplies available in Canada is Ottawa report.

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## U.F.A. Juniors Elect Orrin Hart President Recommendations on Important Issues of Public Policy

Attended by some 225 delegates, the 29th annual business session of the Junior branch of the United Farmers of Alberta, held in Athabasca Hall, Edmonton, during "University Week," was in many respects the most success-

### Farm Home and Garden

**Honey Sponge Cakes.**—Cream  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup shortening with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, the yolks of 2 eggs, and the grated rind of half an orange. Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup each honey and milk, and add to first mixture alternately with 2 cups flour, previously sifted with 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1 tsp. pastry spice and  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt; add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup raisins, and fold in beaten white of eggs; drop on oiled cookie sheet, and bake 12 minutes in 375 degree oven.

**In Sifting Flour.**—Save bowls by using two sheets of waxed paper.

**Lime in Kettles.**—Can be removed, it is stated, by boiling in them water to which has been added cream of tartar in the proportions of 1 tsp. to 1 quart of water.

**Poultry Parasites.**—A smear of nicotine sulphate, half an inch wide, along the top of the roost, put on just before dark, will rid most of the birds of lice, states the Federal Department of Agriculture. For heavy infestations, a repeat application may be required. For mites, crude carbolic acid, used motor oil, or any disinfectant having a creosote base, diluted with kerosene, should be sprayed forcibly into such places as the under side of the roosts, or cracks and nail holes in the building.

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ful in the history of this Junior organization. Proposals on issues of much importance from the standpoint of public policy were made.

The meeting elected Orrin Hart of Claresholm, president for the coming year, in succession to Lawrence Proudfoot, who retired, having taken employment with the U.F.A. Central Co-operative as educational field man. Edward Ness of Carmangay is First Vice-President, and Ann Palamarak of Waskatenau is Second Vice-President.

### FAVOR DAYLIGHT TIME

The Juniors took a different view of daylight saving time from that which has been taken by numerous farm organizations, going on record as favoring summer time provided it is Province-wide and that standard time is restored on August 1st.

It was urged that the license of any driver involved in an accident while under the influence of liquor be suspended for a minimum of six months, and for at least two years should a fatality occur, the suspension to run consecutively with the prison term.

### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELS

Institution of pre-Marital counsels was recommended, and it was proposed that there should be a lapse of at least three days between the time the marriage license is secured and the time when the ceremony may be performed. Imposing of a driving test as a condition of securing a license was also advocated.

That copies of all short wave broadcasts be made available to anyone desiring them was urged, delegates feeling that the Canadian people were not receiving sufficient information concerning the broadcasts now being given over the shortwave station to Europe.

Renewal of the bounty on coyotes or the hiring of hunters to kill them was asked; extended use of reflector road signs was advocated, and the Alberta Government was asked to look into the possibility of establishing a school of agriculture for Peace River.

An address by President Roy Marler of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture on the work and set-up of the Federation was most interesting and informative; and cordial greetings were extended by representatives of United Grain Growers, Alberta Wheat Pool, the United Farm Women of Alberta and the Alberta Livestock Co-operative.

### THE CLOSING BANQUET

Farm Young People's Week—which will ever remain memorable for all who were privileged to attend, as a week rich in happy and useful experience, during which much was learned and real friendships were formed, came to a close on Thursday, June 5th, when the banquet was held in Athabasca Hall dining room, with Dr. R. D. Sinclair, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, the capable and urbane master of ceremonies. Grace was said by Dr. E. J. Thompson. Dancing followed the banquet.

### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

The banquet provided the occasion for the presentation of prizes, which were as follows:

**Scholarships.**—Department of Agriculture Wheat Board Monies Trust Scholarships presented by R. M. Putnam, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Agricultural Extension. Winners: Boys—Kenneth Lund, Ellscoot; Girls—Sophie Komhyr, Spedden; Honorable mention:—Herbert Darnell, Leo.

**General Proficiency Award.**—presented on behalf of the United Grain Growers by J. E. Brownlee, Vice-President, U.G.G. Winners: Boys—Edward Ness, Carmangay; Girls—Mabel Rasmussen, Gwynne; Honorable Mention:—Elis Haug, Rivercourse.

**Household Economics Competition.**—Prizes presented on behalf of the U.F.W.A. by Mrs. Douglas, Supervisor of Junior Work, U.F.W.A.

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**Plain Sewing Competition.**—Prizes presented on behalf of the U.F.W.A. by Mrs. Douglas, Supervisor of Junior Work, U.F.W.A. Winners: Experienced Group—1st—Jean Sheehan, Chairmont; 2nd—Eva Robertson, High River; 3rd—Betty Starke, Balzac. Inexperienced Group—1st—Gonevee Ziegler, Vegreville; 2nd—Margaret Rosmahel, Viking.

**Public Speaking Contest.**—Prizes presented on behalf of the U.F.A., by Lawrence Proudfoot. Winners: 1st—James R. Boyd, Fairview; 2nd—John H. Scheer, Strathmore; 3rd—Elsie Dzioba, Waskatenau.

**Weed Identification Competition.**—Prizes presented on behalf of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association by Norman F. Priestly. Winners: 1st—(equal)—Albert Muhlbier, Castor, Raymond Peterson, Tofield; 2nd—Magnus Arntson, (Continued on page 18)

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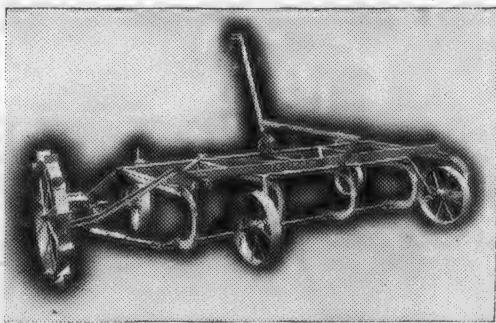
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**The Wheat Situation**

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
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The most important recent news insofar as the world wheat situation is concerned is the prospect of the United States producing a wheat crop of 1,409,893,000 bushels. This enormous wheat crop is nearly double the average annual wheat production of that nation for the 1935-39 period. It is hard to believe that a nation which a few years ago had to import wheat from Canada is now turning out the largest volume of wheat ever produced by any one nation in the history of the world.

**Factors in Record U.S. Crops**

Excellent weather conditions during last fall and winter are the main factor in the large United States wheat production, but there are other factors too. Rust resistant wheat has been developed to a stage in which it seems unlikely there will ever again be extensive damage from that source. Better varieties of wheat have also been developed, and under the United States government's land conservation policy farmers of that nation are taking better care of their farms. In any event, it seems almost providential that the United States should be producing such a record-breaking wheat crop at a time when there is such a world wide scarcity and such dire need of that bread grain.

The Prairie Provinces of Western Canada have about 24½ million acres sown to wheat, and in general crops seem to be coming on very well. Widespread rains have been experienced over most of the Canadian prairies during recent weeks. The cool weather and adequate moisture have encouraged stooling. The wheat plant uses comparatively little moisture during the earlier stages of growth, but when it reaches the "shot blade" stage towards the end of June and early in July the water consumption of the wheat crop is enormous. Consequently, considerable rainfall will be required in the weeks ahead to insure a bumper crop in western Canada.

**European Crop Below Normal**

Reports from Europe indicate that the grain crops there have shown some improvement, but not sufficient to insure even a normal crop. Pravda, the Russian newspaper, says that recent widespread rains have brightened prospects in that country, and that seeding was completed under better conditions than a year ago.

There is likely to be a continuing broad demand for wheat from importing nations for another year at least.

**MERCER OUTLINES PROBLEMS**

(Continued from page 1)

The knowledge and experience of its member bodies, which the IFAP can draw upon, will be placed at the disposal of the FAO.

**Largely Attended Banquet**

Mr. Mercer, as guest speaker, addressed the most enjoyable and largely attended banquet that brought to a close the Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool this evening. President J. A. Wood was the capable master of ceremonies.

While the membership of the IFAP now includes representatives of the national farmer organizations of 16 nations, said Mr. Mercer, representatives of 35 nations attended the conference, and these will all be admitted to membership when they can qualify. To qualify, the members of the farmer organizations of any nation must be able to agree upon the appointment of one delegate to represent them all.

Mr. Mercer gave a most interesting description of various places visited by the Canadian delegates, during their visit to Great Britain and Holland,

**The Dairy Market**

Since the removal of rationing, price controls, and other Government regulation nearly two weeks ago, dairy markets have strengthened considerably. Vancouver has advanced from the former ceiling of 49½ cents to 51; Montreal and Toronto are standing at about 51½. Locally, prints are now 52 cents, and butterfat 51 cents. Production is increasing satisfactorily, being now about equal to that of a year ago.

**Livestock Markets Review**

**EDMONTON STOCKYARDS**, June 17th.—Practical top on choice steers last week was \$15.50; choice butcher heifers were mostly from \$14.50 down; good light cows sold from \$11 to \$11.50, good heavy cows from \$10.50 to \$11. Bulls traded from \$9.50 to \$11.50. Grade A hogs for shipment \$21, for plants \$20.15; sows liveweight \$12.50.

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS**, June 17th.—Grade A hogs \$20.65, sows \$13 to \$13.50 liveweight. Good lambs \$13.25 to \$13.75.

describing in particular, with wit and humor, observations made on the continent in a land in many respects differing widely from ours. He expressed gratitude to the people who had done much to make their guests comfortable and happy, and he described Dutch farming practices. He had the good fortune, he said, to have President George Church of the U.F.A. as a travelling companion. Sister Organizations Bring Greetings

Greetings and good wishes were brought by President William Burns of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool; President F. W. Maddock of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool; President K.V. Kapler of the Alberta Poultry Producers; and D. H. McCallum, Alberta Dairy Commissioner; while among other guests at the head table were R. Stanley of the N.A.D.P., Norman F. Priestley, U.F.A. Central Co-op.; M. C. McCannel, auditor; F. J. Fitzpatrick, Supervisor of Cooperative Activities; T. Foster, Manager Royal Bank, Red Deer. William Malcolm led community singing and gave a number of vocal solos most acceptably.

**Directors Elected**

Directors were elected at the afternoon session as follows: District 1, John Stone, Alix; District 3, J. B. Bradley, Lacombe; District 5, J. A. Wood, Elnora (re-elected); District 7, J. Hutchings, (re-elected), Consort. The Board consists of these and the following whose terms of office expire a year hence: District 2, J. A. Ross, Duhamel; District 4, L. Bickley, Red Deer; District 6, A. W. Green, Byemoor; District 8, A. Robertson, Bowden.

R. R. Armstrong of Olds presided. Further reports in next issue.

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**Some Easing Seen in Income Tax Amendments, by Co-operative Union**

Some easing of the income tax on co-operatives will be provided in the view of the Co-operative Union of Canada, by the bill to amend the Income War Tax Act, which recently received second reading in the House of Commons. The "3 per cent" provision, however, still remains. The proposed amendments would:

(a) Remove the restrictions whereby new co-operatives can obtain a three-year exemption from income tax only if they have at least 20 members.

(b) Allow co-operatives to pro-rate their income as between 1946 and 1947 in order to obtain tax exemption to the end of 1946;

(c) Relieve some of the smaller co-operatives from making instalment payments of income tax;

(d) Include in the definition of a person's income (for taxation purposes) certificates of indebtedness or stock or shares in the year in which he receives them; pursuant to an allocation in proportion to patronage.

(e) Extend the meaning of "member" to include in members of a taxpaying subsidiary co-operative the members of a parent co-operative, and to include payments by the parent to the member as payments of the subsidiary.

**Section of Co-operative Union Set Up**

EDMONTON, Alta.—Setting up of a section of the Co-operative Union of Canada in Alberta was approved by almost unanimous vote of the 70 delegates from co-operative organizations who attended a summer co-operative conference here. In the eight other Provinces the Union already has branches.

It is provided in the resolution calling for the creation of the Alberta section of the C.U.C. that the new section shall take over the work of the Continuing Committee on Co-operation which has for some time past been engaged in co-ordinating the educational work of co-operatives in this Province. It is also recommended that a campaign be instituted to "secure systematic contributions on some equitable scale from all the smaller co-operatives in the Province, so that support of the Union would not depend on the major co-operatives only."

The meeting elected a nine-member Provisional Board of the new section, as follows: Gordon Harold, Lamont, Alberta Wheat Pool; Louis Normandeau, Winterburn, Alberta Poultry Producers; Frank Maddock, Entwistle, Northern Alberta Dairy Pool; Curtiss Gant, Co-operative Life Insurance Co.; Leo Beletumer, St. Albert, Credit Union League of Alberta; Norman F. Priestley, Calgary, U.F.A. Central Co-operative; J. Russell Love, Edmonton, Alberta Co-operative Wholesale; William Halina, Myrnam Co-op. Store; O. E. Wobick, Barons Co-operative.

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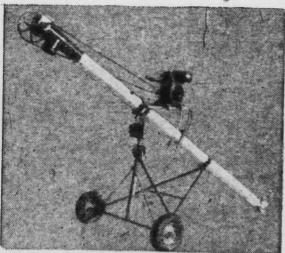
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The will for truth to win or lose.

For this we take and this we leave  
From all that life throws at her feet.  
For good or ill we all must weave  
The robe in which our fate we meet,

What does it matter where we live,  
Or what our station, race or creed?  
Do not the laws of nature give  
An equal deal for equal deed?

And laws of nature but repeat  
The will of Him who make us all,  
Who cannot fail nor rest nor cheat,  
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For you who though in pain are calm—

That with the coming of the Spring  
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the stress on transport facilities.

In relation to the general feed grain situation, Mr. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, told the House of Commons that taking the West as a whole the prospects of the crop are as good as they have ever been at this time of year. It was of course some weeks too early to make any definite surmise of the actual extent of the crop. In spite of the two to three weeks' delay in seeding, the actual acreage in coarse grains seemed to be about as expected. If the season continues as good as at present, "we should have sufficient feed grain to supply the needs of Eastern farmers as well as the needs of Western producers if livestock production is kept at about the level of last year. We are hopeful that if we have a bumper crop we can take care of even more livestock than last year."

#### Hog Production — East and West

The tide has definitely turned in the hog production of this country. In the month of May the total marketings were 8.2 per cent above those of May, 1946. In Eastern Canada the increase was 36.9 per cent, with the West showing a decrease of 20.9 per cent. It is to be noted, however, that while for the first five months of the year the decrease in Alberta production from the same months of 1946 was 32.3 per cent, it was only 20.7 down in the month of May. In Saskatchewan the relative rates of decline were 37.4 and 23.4 per cent and in Manitoba 26.0 and 15.7. The upward trend is therefore obvious across the country. The reason that the advance has been less manifest in the Prairie Provinces is of course that there has been the special demand for wheat to feed the peoples of the world.

The cause of the increase in hog production in the East is that in Ontario there has been a definite policy to encourage greater breeding of hogs. There has been a similar policy in Quebec. In Ontario the May increase was 32.6 per cent and in Quebec 73.4 per cent. (The removal of meat rationing has perhaps been instrumental to a limited extent at least in having a larger proportion of production appearing under inspected slaughterings.)

Excessive rains which have prevented seeding on a normal scale in the East have at least helped hay crops and pasture. They were never better, but dairying and livestock cannot thrive on hay and grass alone. They need finishing on feed grains. Fruit crop prospects in the East are well up to average.

#### Potato Crop Plan Beneficial

It is considered here that the handling of the potato crop of the Maritimes has brought credit to the Agricultural Prices Support Board and the act of Parliament that created it. Last fall a serious problem faced the potato growers of the Maritime Provinces. The crop was heavy and prices sharply declined. The Board gave support to the market by diverting surplus supplies of potatoes and by setting a floor price on surplus potatoes. Early in March the first shipments were made on a 70,000 long ton contract with the British Ministry of Food. A short time ago the final shipments on this contract were made. The Board also subsidized the conversion of 500,000 bushels of potatoes into starch. In all about ten million bushels were removed from the domestic market. Since March 1st, the Board has sold to the United Kingdom 2.6 million bushels, the trade has shipped 2.1 million to the U.S. and about 1 million to other countries.

J. G. Taggart, Chairman of the Board, very naturally expresses satisfaction over the result of the Board's operation. "The result is that the Maritime Provinces have this season exported or shipped inland the all-time record quantity of 20,000 carloads of potatoes, compared with approximately 11,000 carloads at this date last year . . . In the last three months, growers have sold millions of bushels at prices higher than the Board's support prices," Mr. Taggart has stated.